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SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT SPASO HOUSE

1. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT'S NOON PRESS BRIEF-
ING AUGUST 23:

QUOTE Q. THERE WAS A STORY OUT OF MOSCOW TODAY THAT A
SOVIET CITIZEN GOT INTO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE
AND STAYED THERE FOR SEVERAL HOURS, WAS ESCORTED OUT BY AN
AMERICAN OFFICER AND WAS THEN ARRESTED. AND THERE WAS S
STORY IN THE PAPER TODAY FROM RANGOON SAYING THAT A BURMESE
CITIZEN, I BELIEVE, WENT INTO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, STAYED
THERE FOR SEVERAL HOURS, WAS ESCORTED OUT AND WAS ARRESTED.

QUOTE WHAT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WHEN FOREIGN
CITIZENS ENTER AN AMERICAN EMBASSY ASKING FOR POLITICAL
ASYLUM?

QUOTE A. THE GENERAL POLICY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, OUR US
POLICY TRADITIONALLY, HAS BEEN TO GRANT ASYLUM ONLY TO
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INDIVIDUALS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER.

QUOTE HOWEVER, EACH REQUEST FOR ASYLUM, I BELIEVE, HAS BEEN DEALT WITH ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, IN WHICH WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED, HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES, AND LAWS AND OTHER FACTORS.

QUOTE WITH REGARD TO THE TWO SPECIFIC INSTANCES THAT YOU RAISED: FIRST, ON THE RANGOON INCIDENT, ALL I HAVE ON THAT IS WHAT I HAVE READ IN THE PRESS. WE ARE JUST CHECKING INTO THE FACTS ON THAT, SO I CANNOT REALLY COMMENT ON THAT.

QUOTE ON THE MOSCOW EMBASSY, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT AT ABOUT 3:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY, MOSCOW TIME, A MAN DID ENTER THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, AND HE WAS CLEARLY AND VISIBLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL -- IN OTHER WORDS, DRUNK. AND HE TALKED WITH SOME OFFICERS AT THE RESIDENCE AND THEN HE WENT TO SLEEP. AND WHEN HE WOKE UP HE VOLUNTARILY LEFT THE BUILDING. END OF QUOTE KISSINGER

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